



DECLASSIFIED

Department of State

TELEGRAM

CONFIDENTIAL

AM: 0790085-0752

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KABUL 01386 241029Z
ACTION SY-05

INFO OCT-01 NEA-06 ISO-00 SYE-00 PM-05 SP-02 SS-15
CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-01 NSGE-00
SSC-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00 OC-06 CCO-00 /051 W
-----028692 241035Z /21

0 240633Z FEB 79
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 2401

REVIEWED by G. New DATE 5/1/85
() RELEASE (X) DECLASSIFY
(X) EXTENDED (X) DECLASSIFY in PART
() DENV () Non-responsive ()
FOI LO OR PA exceptions (b)(7)(C)
TS authority to:
() CLASSIFY as _____, OADR
() DOWNGRADE TS to () S or () C, OADR

C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 1386

FOR: DASS AND CC/TAGS FROM RSS AND RSO

E.O. 12065: RDS 3 AND 4 2/24/85 (KELLY, RONALD) OR-A
TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING AND KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: UNAVAILABILITY
OF COMMANDANT OF POLICE, MAJOR TAROON

1. SINCE RSS AND RSO MEETING WITH COMMANDANT OF POLICE, MAJOR
TAROON, ON FEBRUARY 15 (KABUL 1218) WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MEET
WITH HIM AGAIN. WE TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY ON FEBRUARY 22 AND 23
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM. WE WERE TOLD BY TAROON'S OFFICE
THAT HE WAS EITHER OUT OR THAT HIS SCHEDULE WOULD NOT PERMIT
HIM TO SEE US. TODAY, FEBRUARY 24, WE AGAIN CALLED HIS OFFICE
AND WERE TOLD THAT ANY REQUEST TO SEE MAJOR TAROON MUST BE
SUBMITTED THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR PRIOR APPROVAL.

2. THIS CHANGE IN PROCEDURE IS DISTURBING. UNTIL THIS DATE, [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
[REDACTED] HAD ALMOST UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO TAROON. THE REQUIREMENT
TO GO THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN EFFECT MAY ISOLATE US
FROM DIRECT CONTACT WITH DRA POLICE AND SECURITY OFFICIALS.
THIS WILL NOT NECESSARILY FURTHER INHIBIT OUR INVESTIGATION
AS TO DATE HOST COUNTRY SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN VERY
UNCOOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING BASIC INVESTIGATIVE DATA. HOWEVER, IT
COULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE SECURITY
FOR U.S. PERSONNEL IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KABUL 01386 241029Z = 00505109 -SG

3. WE WILL BE SENDING A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TODAY TO THE FOREIGN

CONFIDENTIAL

(16)

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

(b)(6)

MINISTRY ADVISING THEM [REDACTED] PRESENCE IN KABUL
AND OF HIS ASSIGNMENT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THE CHARGE AND
THAT HE WILL BE ARMED. IF HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS OBJECT TO HIS
BEING ARMED, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY COMPLY WITH THEIR WISHES.

4. WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF ANY PROBLEMS IN THIS REGARD.
AMSTUTZ

[REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL

17